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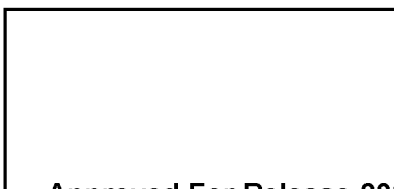


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UK-RHODESIA: BRITAIN'S SPECIAL EMISSARY, JAMES BOTTOMLEY, FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT SOFTENING OF THE RHODESIAN REGIME'S POSITION DURING HIS RECENT TALKS IN SALISBURY WITH PRIME MINISTER SMITH. THE TWO SIDES DID NOT COME CLOSER TOGETHER ON THE KEY ISSUE OF CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS FOR BLACK RHODESIANS,

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EVEN THOUGH SMITH DROPPED NO HINTS ABOUT POSSIBLE FUTURE CONCESSIONS, BOTTOMLEY BELIEVES THAT LONDON WILL CONTINUE TO USE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO SEE WHETHER SMITH'S POSITION IS REALLY AS RIGID AS IT APPEARS. IF IT IS, PRIME MINISTER WILSON WILL WANT THIS REVEALED PUBLICLY, PREFERABLY BY SMITH HIMSELF.

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